

**HOUSE TO MEET AT 10:00 A.M.**

**NO. 46**

**CALENDAR  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**



**REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025**





**WILSON HALL**  
**4-A SCISA BOY'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

Wil Alexander  
Abel Ayres  
Aiden Bradford  
Gavin Getz  
Trip Hunt  
Benjamin McIver  
Ben Rabon  
Cameron Trueblood  
Aiden Webb  
Caulder Williamson

**HEAD COACH**  
Reid Schwartz

**ASSISTANT COACHES**

Blane Russell  
Katherine Schwartz  
Dustin Smith  
Kristine Smith  
Nathan Thomas  
Shanna Thomas

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**  
Glen Rector

**HEAD OF SCHOOL**  
Brent C. Kaneft

**HAMMOND SCHOOL “SKYHAWKS”  
4-A SCISA VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM**

Karsen Brazell	Aylin Lopez
Morgan Brogdon	Illeana Lopez
Estelle Caulder	Ella Grace Martin
May Chaplin	Madison Mazzei
Caroline Cohn	Cameron McEntire
Mary Garland Desai	Pressley Jane Rabon
Arrington Earle	Kaden Raymond
Grace Fuller	Jane Webb
Lily James	Grace Webb
Malan Jones	Kate Weston
Anna Claire Liester	Mary Martin Yarbrough

**HEAD COACH**

Coach G

**ASSISTANT COACH**

Morgan Hopkins

**DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH AND WELLNESS**

Josh Ortegon

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

Sonya Fuemmeler and Hannah Clayton

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Jeff Barnes

**HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Andy North

**HAMMOND SCHOOL “SKYHAWKS”  
4-A SCISA VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM**

Charles Alexander	Evertte Edens	Benjamin Muela Kiser
Charles Allen	Jack Fuller	Levi Myers
Elijah Aubrey	Noah Goddard	Bobby Peele
Blaze Barnes	Daylin Haltiwanger	Manning Redd
Isaiah Best	Jaiden Haltiwanger	McLean Robinson
Jordan Boston	Sam Heroman	Jackson Ross
Parker Bowers	Kinson Holland	Jauris Shaw
Jackson Bozard	Adis Jamison	Preston Springs
Davis Brazell	Jaliyl Jamison	Joel Starks
Aspen Brooks	Immanuel Johnson	John Stokes
Charles Cannon	Henry Kaneft	Dalton Stursberg
Wyatt Cantey	Christopher Kirk	Jack Thomas
Walker Cason	Wyatt Kosciusko	Andrew Turner
Hudson Chastain	Brewer LaMotte	Micheal Tyler
Tripp Cohn	Leyton LaMotte	Jackson Waite
Campbell Conley	James Lay	Wham Walker
John Croft	Asaiah Mathis	Witt Williams
McCall Daves	Andrew McCall	Benjamin Winkler
Andrew Dennis	James Meacham	Thomas Young

**HEAD COACH**

Jon Wheeler

**COACHES**

Jeff Barnes, Wynne Thomas, Gene Smith, Ken Watson, Jay Frye, Tyler Rene,  
Rick Reetz, Hamp Smith, Brayln Bennett and Jordan Thompson

**DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH AND WELLNESS**

Josh Ortegon

**ATHLETIC TRAINER/ASSISTANT A.D.**

Sonya Fuemmeler and Hannah Clayton

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Jeff Barnes

**HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Andy North

**CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL “RED DEVILS“  
AA 2024 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS**

Tushawan Richardson	Logan Havard	Rion Gordon
Chris Fortman	A’Javian James	Josh Brown
Javen Cook	Eric Cunningham	Shelby Dugas
Austin Boyd	D’Markus Lyndsay	Jafyrie Cunningham
Amari Grant	Noah Garrett	Tristan Boyd
K. J. Vance	Zy Butler	Tre Aiken
Chris Boyd	Angel Vargas	Jaervis McDowell
Kason Copeland	Luke Young	Cal Pitts
Devin Swindler	Lincoln Alexander	Dalton Nabors
Brett Young	Emmanuel Lagroon	Hunter Lawson
Saphyre Tribble	Brayden Tucker	Jackson Nance
Owen Glenn	Kynius Williams	Elijah Davis
Maison Tinsley	Brody Garrett	K. J. Smith
Jaydon Glenn	R. J. Johnson	Jared Honeycutt
Bryson Perrin	Daniel Gossett	Jeff Sanchez
Angelo Cromer	Deangelo Mattison	P. J. McGowan
Graydon Watkins	Adarrell Swindler	Hayden Lollis
D. J. Clark	Jace Patterson	Lukas Kuykendall
A.Z. Simmons	Clayton Lawson	Jacob Lindler
Rhett Gilliam	Ashton Sherfield	Jared Willard

**HEAD COACH**

Corey Fountain

**ASSISTANT COACHES**

Louie Alexander, Dontavius Glenn, Ethan Campbell,  
Bobby Jones, Tosh Corley, Peyton Spangler, Lavadrick Glenn,  
Jake Williams, James Davis, Hayden Rogers,  
Clay Cotney and Sam Tiller

**SCOREKEEPER**

Bradley Gardner

**MANAGER**

Bryland James

**ADDITIONAL STAFF**

Adam Howell, Thomas Hellams, Dr. Nora Ann Pace,  
Phillip Milner, Stan Walsh, Charles Steele, Jayson Glenn,  
Will Corley, Brady Fountain and Ball boys

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Louie Alexander

**PRINCIPAL**

Dr. Martha Brothers

**MASCOT**

Red Devil

## INVITATIONS

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Members of the House and staff, breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by the SC EMS Association.

(Accepted--March 25, 2025)

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Members of the House and staff, luncheon for SC STEM Signing Day, State House Grounds, by the SC Future Makers and the SC Manufacturers Alliance.

(Accepted--March 25, 2025)

**Thursday, April 24, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Members of the House, breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by the South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA).

(Accepted--March 25, 2025)

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Members of the House. reception, the 25th Floor of 1201 Main Street, by the Palmetto Family Council.

(Accepted--March 25, 2025)

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Members of the House and staff, breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by the South Carolina Insurance Association.

(Accepted--March 25, 2025)

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Members of the House, luncheon, State House Grounds, by the South Carolina Association of Council on Aging Directors.

(Accepted--March 25, 2025)

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Members of the House and staff, reception, 1208 Washington Street, by the South Carolina Association for Justice.

(Accepted--March 25, 2025)

**Thursday, May 1, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Members of the House and staff, breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by the South Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants.

(Accepted--April 22, 2025)



**Thursday, May 1, 2025, 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Members of the House, reception, The Bean Market, 111 Henry Street,  
Lake City, SC, by the Darla Moore Foundation and ArtFields.

(Accepted--April 22, 2025)

## **JOINT ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday, May 1, 2025, 11:00 A.M.**

TO FIX 11:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025, AS THE TIME  
TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM  
EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FOURTH  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE  
30, 2026; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026.

(Under H.4348--Adopted—April 10, 2025)

## **SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS/ RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THIRD READING STATEWIDE UNCONTESTED BILLS**

**H. 3058--Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Guffey, W. Newton, B. Newton and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

(Prefiled--Thursday, December 05, 2024)

(Judiciary Com.--January 14, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 02, 2025)

(Amended and read second time--April 22, 2025)

**H. 3258--Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Martin, Grant, M. M. Smith, Schuessler and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-66-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

(Prefiled--Thursday, December 05, 2024)

(Educ. & Pub. Wks. Com.--January 14, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

(Amended and read second time--April 22, 2025)

**H. 3778--Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon, Jones, Bowers, Hiott, Wickensimer, Sanders and Kilmartin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.**

(Educ. & Pub. Wks. Com.--January 16, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

(Amended and read second time--April 22, 2025)

**H. 3250--Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-250 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES CONVERT TO COMPUTER-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.**

(Prefiled--Thursday, December 05, 2024)

(Educ. & Pub. Wks. Com.--January 14, 2025)

(Favorable--April 09, 2025)

(Read second time--April 22, 2025)

**H. 3251--Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-240 RELATING TO THE METRIC EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE AND ITS MANDATE TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METRIC EDUCATION PLAN.**

(Prefiled--Thursday, December 05, 2024)

(Educ. & Pub. Wks. Com.--January 14, 2025)

(Favorable--April 09, 2025)

(Read second time--April 22, 2025)

**H. 3944--Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.**

(Educ. & Pub. Wks. Com.--February 11, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

(Amended and read second time--April 22, 2025)

**H. 4134--Reps. Robbins, B. Newton, Dillard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."**

(Ways and Means Com.--March 05, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

(Amended and read second time--April 22, 2025)

**H. 3925--Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow, B. Newton and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF**

**CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

(Ways and Means Com.--February 06, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

(Amended and read second time--April 22, 2025)

## **SECOND READING STATEWIDE UNCONTESTED BILLS**

**S. 89--**(Debate adjourned until Tues., April 29, 2025--April 22, 2025)

**H. 3800--**Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Frank: **A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.**

(Ways and Means Com.--January 28, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

**H. 3645--**Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby, Weeks, Waters, B. Newton and Henderson-Myers: **A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE**

**EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.**

(Prefiled--Thursday, December 12, 2024)

(Ways and Means Com.--January 14, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

**H. 3832--Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard, Kirby and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.**

(Ways and Means Com.--January 29, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

**H. 3931--Reps. Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe, Rutherford, Schuessler and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION.**

(Labor, Com. & Ind. Com.--February 06, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--April 09, 2025)

**H. 3996--Reps. Sessions and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE**

**APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.**

(Med., Mil., Pub. & Mun. Affrs. Com.--February 13, 2025)

(Favorable--April 10, 2025)

**H. 4350--Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Rivers, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.**

(Without reference--April 10, 2025)

**WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTIONS/REQUEST FOR DEBATE**

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS**

**SENATE AMENDMENTS ON**

**H. 3430--Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.**

(Pending question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Amendments--April 03, 2025)

(Debate adjourned until Thu., Apr. 10, 2025--April 09, 2025)

**H. 3309--Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION**

FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT



PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES

FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES,

AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Pending question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Amendments--April 09, 2025)

**H. 3813--Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.**

(Pending question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Amendments--April 22, 2025)

**H. 4211--Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ESSENTIAL VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANTS TO THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENT, LANDSCAPE, AGRICULTURE, HISTORY, AND ECONOMY, AND TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND PRIVATE LANDOWNERS TO USE NATIVE PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPING, EROSION CONTROL, AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE THE VIABILITY OF MIGRATORY AND NONMIGRATORY POLLINATORS AND TO HELP TO PRESERVE SOUTH CAROLINA'S UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA.**

(Pending question: Shall the House concur in the Senate Amendments--April 22, 2025)

## **SECOND READING STATEWIDE CONTESTED BILLS**

**S. 74--Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN**

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE  
COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN  
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

(Judiciary Com.--February 13, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--March 20, 2025)

(Requests for debate by Reps. B.L. Cox, Gibson, Guest, Guffey,  
Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Ligon, Martin, Mitchell and B.  
Newton--March 26, 2025)

(Debate adjourned until Thu., Apr. 10, 2025--April 09, 2025)

**H. 3752--Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus,  
Brewer, Chapman, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox and W. Newton: A BILL  
TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY  
ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT  
ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40  
SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS,  
OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE  
COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO  
PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A  
SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN  
CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR  
THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE  
RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND  
TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF  
CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED  
"GENERAL PROVISIONS."**

(Labor, Com. & Ind. Com.--January 15, 2025)

(Favorable--April 09, 2025)

(Requests for debate by Reps. Edgerton, Gibson, Harris, J.E.  
Johnson, Magnuson and May--April 10, 2025)

(Debate adjourned--April 10, 2025)

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